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1. U.S. CUSTOMS CAN SCHEDULE IN COUNTRY TRAINING FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 22 FOR TWO TWO-WEEK CLASSES NOT TO EXCEED 25 STUDENTS PER CLASS PROVIDED WE CAN HAVE SOME ASSURANCE BOLIVIAN CUSTOMS DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL IMPROVE SELECTION OF PERSONNEL ATTENDING COURSES.

2. BY A JUDICIOUS SELECTION OF STUDENTS WHO CAN IN TURN IMPART KNOWLEDGE GAINED THROUGH THIS TYPE OF INSTRUCTION A MULTIPLIER EFFECT CAN BE ACHIEVED. IN THIS CONNECTION IT IS NOTED, IF CUSTOMS INFORMATION IS CORRECT, THAT OF THE THREE BOLIVIAN STUDENTS RECENTLY SENT TO THE U.S. FOR CUSTOMS MID-MANAGEMENT TRAINING, ONE WAS A CLERK IN THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE WHO WAS SELECTED BECAUSE HE WAS A NEPHEW OF CHIEF OF CUSTOMS PERSONNEL, ONE WAS AN AIR FORCE MECHANIC WHO WAS SELECTED BECAUSE HE WAS A BROTHER OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

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OF CUSTOMS, AND THE THIRD HAD ATTENDED THE COURSE CONDUCTED

IN LA PAZ IN FEBRUARY. ALSO IN THE FIRST SESSION HELD IN
LA PAZ, A NUMBER OF THE STUDENTS WERE CLERICAL PERSONNEL.

3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER SELECTION
OF STUDENTS FOR COURSE TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER BE TACTFULLY
CONVEYED TO BOLIVIAN CUSTOMS DIRECTOR GENERAL. IF EMBASSY

CONCURS, AN ADVANCE REPRESENTATIVE FROM U.S. CUSTOMS CAN
VISIT LA PAZ BRIEFLY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH VISIT TO CERTAIN
OTHER LATIN AMERICAN CAPITALS, TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF COURSE
WITH BOLIVI OFFICIALS AND REVIEW PROPOSED SELECTION
OF PARTICIPANTS, OR AT A MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR
SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS. KISSINGER

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